

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR JACKIE CHARLTON
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR A GREENER POWYS
June 2022

REPORT AUTHOR: Traffic Engineer North, Highways & Technical Services

REPORT TITLE: Prohibition of Driving and One-Way Order along parts of Chapel Street and Powell's Lane, and Revocation of Powell's Lane Amenity Weight Limit - Welshpool.

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Purpose

1.1. This report seeks to secure portfolio holder authorisation for local highway authority traffic officers to commence the traffic regulation order consultation and making process to introduce prohibition of driving and one-way traffic management along parts of the U4406 county unclassified roads known as Chapel Street and Powell's Lane at Welshpool. The Order would also revoke the amenity weight limit along Powell's Lane.

2. Background

1.1. Full planning consent reference 19/0099/FUL has been secured by a developer to demolish Lansdowne House and garage and part of the existing adjacent William Ainge Court development to redevelop and reconfigure the site to erect a new 3-storey addition comprising 16 additional apartments. One of the developer's obligations with respect to this planning consent is to fund a traffic order to introduce certain traffic movement prohibitions along parts of Chapel Street and Powell's Lane to safely manage the additional traffic movements that the development will generate along these narrow roads.

1.2. The developer has already paid the Council's fee to process the traffic regulation order.

1.3. The developer will also be funding the required one-way and access only signage and carriageway markings; and the developer has expressed a desire to have the traffic regulation order put in place by the end of June 2022 if no substantiated objections are received during the traffic regulation order public consultation process.

- 1.4. The proposal includes the revocation of *The County of Powys (Powell's Lane, Welshpool) (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles Order 1990*, and the removal of the signage associated with that Order at the developer's expense, as that prohibition became superfluous when the northern junction of Powell's Lane with Brook Street was stopped up to vehicular traffic and Jehu Road was constructed. A copy of the 1990 Order is attached at Appendix C for reference purposes.
- 1.5. To avoid any confusion and for the purposes of clarity, the proposed prohibitions contained within the traffic order are identified on a plan and as written descriptions of individual traffic movement prohibitions along those roads within the draft Order. The plan is attached at Appendix A and will be available to view on site notices and on the Council's website during the public consultation phase of the traffic order making process.
- 1.6. The Council's statement of reasons is attached to this report at Appendix B.

2. Advice

- 2.1. No other options are available for consideration at this stage of the Traffic Regulation Order proposal process.
- 2.2. The County Council has engaged with the Town Council and the county councillor whose ward is directly affected by the proposed traffic management controls.
- 2.3. The proposals support the CIP priority of improving our transport infrastructure by making it safer for people to use the highways within this part of Welshpool and to encourage active travel movements.

3. Resource Implications

- 4.1 All costs associated with the consultation process, the implementation of the Traffic Regular Order and the application of the carriageway markings will be funded by the developer.
- 4.2 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the above and can support the recommendation.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. The Principal Legal Assistant (North) has reviewed the proposals and confirms it is within our powers as long as we follow the correct procedure.
- 5.2. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".

6. Data Protection

- 3.1. Personal data will be collected from responses to the public consultation and is essential to undertake this statutory requirement for making a Traffic Regulation Order. This data will be collected and managed in accordance with the privacy notice that is published on the Traffic Order Consultation page on our website.
- 3.2. The Data Protection Officer notes the requirement for public consultation and that the personal data collected during this process will be managed in accordance with the published privacy notice.

7. Comments from local members

- 7.1. The proposal will affect residents, businesses, and visitors to Welshpool. Cllr Graham Breeze and Cllr Richard Church have expressed their support for the proposal, as have Dyfed-Powys Police. A no comment response has been received from Welshpool Town Council. Cllr Richard Church has also requested that the condition of the Bowling Green Lane and Chapel Street roads and pedestrian dropped kerbs be reviewed by Powys County Council following the completion of the redevelopment works.

8. Integrated Impact Assessment

- 8.1. An impact assessment is not required.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To authorise the local highway authority to commence the legal public consultation procedure for the proposed traffic regulation order relating to new traffic movement prohibitions at Welshpool identified at Appendix A to the report, and if no substantive objections are received implement the prohibition of waiting Order in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.2. To revoke <i>The County of Powys (Powell's Lane, Welshpool) (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles Order 1990</i>, and the removal of the signage associated with that Order at the developer's expense.	<p>To introduce the traffic movement prohibition order required to facilitate the permitted housing development along Bowling Green Lane and Chapel Street in Welshpool.</p>

Relevant Policy:

Corporate Improvement Plan 2021-25 : Improve our

	Infrastructure to Support Regeneration and Attract Investment - We will actively compete for any grant funding opportunities, and subject to such funding, deliver transport infrastructure projects, develop active travel, support suitable transport options and improve road safety.		
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Graham Breeze - member for the Welshpool Llanerchydol ward. Cllr Richard Church – member for the Welshpool Castle ward.
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Chris Lloyd
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	As soon as possible

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	Y / N
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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- **Appendix A - Proposed traffic movement prohibition plans.**
- **Appendix B - Statement of reasons.**
- **Appendix C – Redundant Traffic Regulation Order to be revoked.**